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SUBJECT: PROGRAM PROPOSALS FOR 2008 ESFP

REF: STATE 28712

¶1. Embassy Vienna would welcome participation in the Embassy Science Fellows Program (ESFP). Post envisions two potential programs: 1) a climate change-related research program; or 2) a program focused on environmental regulatory policy.

¶2. Overview of Climate Change Program

Description: Climate change policies and research have become an issue of utmost importance in Austria and Austrian institutions have launched a number of research efforts and policy initiatives in this field in recent years. Post believes that Austrian institutions and stakeholders could profit from cooperation with a U.S. Science Fellow on climate change issues. The goal of the project is to obtain, as far as possible, a comprehensive overview of Austrian activity in this field. If necessary/appropriate, the Wegener Center for Climate and Global Change has offered to host the Fellow during a portion of the program's duration.

Areas of Scientific Expertise:

- Climate and Environmental Change Research and Monitoring Programs along with its human dimension;
- Economic Climate Impacts and Policy Research;
- "Low Energy Strategies"--research on lower carbon emissions and energy efficiency;
- Impact of climate change on energy security;
- Innovative vehicle components and technology research and new battery technologies;

Additional Skills:

- Basic German language skills would be beneficial

Preferred Timeframe:

- September-November 2008 or February-April 2009

Proposed Length of Fellowship:

- 2-3 months

Security Clearance:

- Unnecessary for this type of Fellowship

¶3. Overview of Regulatory and Policy Program

Description: Ideally, this program would bring together a scientific advisor to U.S. federal, state or local regulatory agencies to liaise with Austrian counterparts, in order to contribute to and assess how environmental laws and regulations are developed and implemented in Austria. A greater understanding and sharing of best practices in the regulatory processes of each country could enhance professional networking and cooperation on a variety of environmental issues and perhaps lead to future exchanges.

Areas of Scientific Expertise:

- Understanding of environmental regulations and regulatory processes within the USG;
- Basic understanding of the Austrian and EU political structures

Additional Skills:

- Basic German language skills would be beneficial

Preferred Timeframe:

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¶4. Housing: Post will do everything possible to provide housing for the Fellow. This will depend upon staffing vacancies which may require the Fellow to move from one government apartment to another during his/her stay in Vienna.

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